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If so, use Red Cross Ball Blue. It will make them white as snow. 2 oz. package 5 cents.

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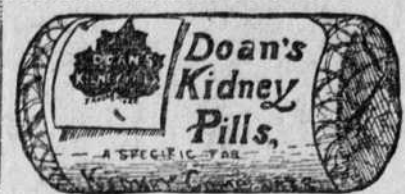
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Johnny's father was a physician, and his uncle a medical student. Johnny drank in their long words with a thirst for more. When his teacher, before whom he wished to shine, asked him to name some important parts of the body, Johnny smiled radiantly. "You don't mean legs or arms or heads," said Johnny, eagerly; "I know you don't, Miss Brown. You mean what father and Uncle Jim talked about—the interior and the exterior and the back-terior."

In the recent political campaign J. M. Gudson, who was elected to congress from the tenth North Carolina district, had no more active political opponent than his own brother, who is United States consul at Panama. The latter obtained leave of absence from his post for the especial purpose of aiding in the re-election of Congressman Moody, the Republican candidate.

## DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW?

Then use Defiance Starch. It will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

Rembrandt's "Old Woman," from the collection E. F. Mulliken of New York, was sold in London, recently, for \$28,105; Velasquez' "The Grape Seller," and Turner's "Dustanborough Castle," from the same collection, brought \$12,775 and \$4,287, respectively. An anonymous portrait of Edward VI. brought \$3,353; Van Dyck's "Edmund Waller," \$4,176, and his "Earl of Arundel," \$2,520.

Bob, the negro janitor in a New England college, is as quick-witted as the students who joke with him. One day he had burned off some of the dead grass in the college yard when a freshman came along, and said, "Well, Bob, that grass is just the color of your face, isn't it?" "Yes, sah," said Bob; "and in about three weeks it will be just the color of yours."

A smartly dressed young woman was rambling along a road, when she met a small urchin lugging a bird's nest with eggs in it. She brought him up sharply with: "You are a wicked boy. How could you rob that nest? No doubt the poor mother is now grieving for the loss of her eggs."  
"Oh, no, she can't care. I'm sure she can't," said the boy, edging away; "cause she's on your hat."

What to do with Jefferson Davis, should he be captured, was a problem that puzzled the government. In speaking of it to General Grant one day, President Lincoln remarked: "There was once an Irishman who had signed the Father Mathew temperance pledge. Going into a saloon to get a glass of lemonade to quench his thirst, he leaned over and whispered to the barkeeper, 'And couldn't you put a little brandy in it unbeknownst to me-silf?' So," continued Mr. Lincoln, "let Davis escape all unbeknownst to yourself if you can."

A small, five-year-old boy, who had recently become the brother of another little boy, was sent to the grocery the other day to get some loaf sugar. By mistake the grocer gave him granulated, and the boy was sent back to have it changed.

"How do you like your new brother?" asked the grocer, as he was weighing out the right kind of sugar.  
"O, I don't like him very much," the little fellow answered. "He cries all the time."

"Why don't you change him, then, as you do the sugar?"  
"We can't change him now, 'cause we've used him three days."

## Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does, you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction and will not stick to the iron.

The beauty of our lives depends on the clearness with which God can shine through them.

Mrs. Fannie Urhouse of Passaic, N. J., recently sold her 3-weeks-old son for \$5, because of her extreme poverty and inability to care for the child. Mrs. Urhouse's husband was killed in the recent strike in Pennsylvania. She was able to take care of herself by working for \$2 a week until the child came. Mrs. John Urban of Wallington was the purchaser.

Fore-thought is better than after-thought, but inner-thought is best of all.

On exhibition in Columbia, S. C., is a Revolutionary sword with an interesting history. It originally belonged to the British officer, Colonel Tarleton, and was captured by Wade Hampton, ancestor of the late General Wade Hampton. The sword has been handed down as a relic in the family, and was used by General Hampton in the civil war.

# LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

## SENATE.

LINCOLN—The following bills were introduced in the senate Wednesday and read for the first time:

S. F. 1, by Senator Howell of Douglas—A bill for an act to provide in cities of the metropolitan class, viz.: (1) For the procedure in certain cases, by the mayor and council, in the acquisition of a municipal water plant; (2) for the creation of a water board, its organization, its powers, its duties, and the compensation of its members and employees; (3) for penalties for interference with water plant, or employees of water board in the discharge of their duties; (4) for a water fund, its revenues, and the disbursement thereof; and amending sections 13, 15, 24, 25, 29, 32, 35, 67, 72, 86, 87, 89, 93, 94, 100, 101A, 135, 138 and 140 of the Omaha charter emergency clause.

S. F. 2, by Senator Sheldon of Cass—An act to legalize and make valid all orders, judgments, decrees and findings that have been made by any district court in the state of Nebraska, in action brought by any county in said state to foreclose alleged liens for taxes assessed and levied on lands and lots in said counties for state, county, school and municipal purposes, and which actions were not based on tax certificates, but on the unpaid and delinquent taxes, and wherein said counties foreclosed for such county and as trustee for the state of Nebraska and the several school districts and various municipalities entitled to such tax, to legalize all sheriffs' deeds made in such proceedings, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith. Emergency clause.

S. F. 3, by Senator Sheldon—Authorizing county boards in the various counties to establish boards of health to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, one member of such board to be a physician.

S. F. 4, by Senator Sheldon—A bill for an act to protect the public health and prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases. Confers sanitary authority on the state board of health and its secretaries; authorizes it to adopt and enforce special quarantine regulations; provides for the appointment of a state health inspector at a salary of \$1,800; requires local officers to make timely reports of the existence of certain diseases; provides penalties and carries a \$10,000 appropriation. Emergency clause.

S. F. 5, by Senator Sheldon—To require applicants for a permit to practice medicine to submit to an examination by the state board of health on topics "a knowledge of which is commonly and generally required of candidates for a degree of a doctor of medicine by reputable medical colleges," and to raise the applicant's fee from \$10 to \$25, of which \$20 shall be divided among the secretaries and \$5 devoted to a fund for the prosecution of illegal practitioners.

S. F. 6, by Senator O'Neill of Lancaster—An act to amend section 4 of chapter 84 of the compiled statutes. Removing the limit as to the size of the state cemetery at Lincoln.

S. F. 7, by Senator Marshall of Otoe—To amend section 19 of chapter 10, relating to "Bonds and Oaths," fixing the bonds of sheriffs in counties of over 10,000 inhabitants at \$10,000, and of county commissioners or supervisors when the population does not exceed 5,000 at \$1,000; when the population is over 5,000 and less than 10,000 at \$2,000; when the population exceeds 10,000 and less than 15,000, at \$5,000; when the population exceeds 15,000 and less than 20,000, at \$10,000; when the population exceeds 20,000 and less than 35,000, at \$15,000; when the population exceeds 35,000, at \$25,000, and read overseers at \$100.

S. F. 8, by Senator Marshall—To amend sections 53 and 54, chapter 18, and entitled "Counties and County Officers," making county commissioners elective by a full vote of the county, instead of by the vote of their respective districts, and repealing the clause in section 54 relating to the election of county commissioners in counties having a population of more than 70,000 and less than 125,000.

S. F. 9, by Senator Hastings of Butler—An act creating a board of pardons of three members, defining their duties and fixing their compensation at \$5 per day, and repealing all acts or parts of acts in conflict. Emergency clause.

S. F. 10, by Senator Marshall—To legalize the issuance of bonds for the establishment and maintenance of a heating and lighting system in villages and cities of the second class, having less than 5,000 inhabitants.

S. F. 11, by Senator Hall of Douglas—Extending life of supreme court commissioners to April 10, 1905, at the discretion of the court, and authorizing the court, if it wishes, to reduce the number of commissioners and stenographers to six each.

S. F. 12, by Senator Hall of Douglas—A bill for an act to provide for appeal to the supreme court in all cases except criminal cases, requires appeals to be taken within six months.

S. F. 13, by Senator Beghtol of Lancaster—Relating to roads.

In the senate on Thursday very little work of importance was transacted outside of the appointment of committees. The following bills were introduced:

S. F. 14, by Hastings of Butler—Act to amend section 12, article 1, chapter 2, of the Compiled Statutes, relating to agriculture.

S. F. 15, by Marshall of Otoe—Act to repeal section 3, chapter 12, entitled "Day of Grace."

S. F. 16, by Marshall of Otoe—Act to amend section 65, chapter 12, entitled "Compiled Abstracts of Title Bonds."

S. F. 17, by Marshall of Otoe—To define scope of Denf and Dumb school.

Senate adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

## HOUSE.

On Wednesday morning Speaker McKett rapped the house to order at 10:30. Prayer was offered by the chaplain, Rev. George Scott.

Good of Nemaha moved the appointment of a committee of five to determine, for the speaker's guidance, what and how many house employees would be required. The motion prevailed. Rouse of Hall, Nelson of Douglas and Anderson of Knox were appointed to act with a like committee from the senate to notify the governor that the legislature

is organized and ready to hear from him. The speaker appointed Caldwell of Clay, Fishback of Clay, Swezey of Webster, Ford of Thayer and Eggenburger of Fillmore a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Representative John R. Musick of Nuckolls county.

On motion of Rouse of Hall, Atwood of Seward was excused for one week from attending the sessions of the house, on account of sickness. On motion of Morsman of Douglas, J. A. C. Kennedy, the fusion member of the Douglas delegation, was excused for a period of two weeks, also on account of sickness.

The joint committee on arrangements reported that Governor Savage would read his message at noon Thursday, and that a joint session would be held at noon Wednesday to canvass the vote. In pursuance to this arrangement, at 12 sharp, "the honorable senate of the state of Nebraska" was announced, and filed into Representative hall.

The joint assembly was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Steele, who presided. The secretary of state then announced the result of the last general election, the total vote being 198,574, divided among the candidates as follows:

Governor: Mickey (R.), 96,471; Thompson (F.), 91,116; Travis (Pro.), 3,397; Bigelow (Soc.), 3,157; scattering, 2.

Lieutenant governor: McGilton (R.), 98,320; Gilbert (F.), 87,600; Hightner (Pro.), 4,129; Plugh (Soc.), 3,482.

Secretary of state: March (R.), 99,128; Powers (F.), 96,044; Norton (Pro.), 4,133; Roe (Soc.), 3,462; scattering, 1.

Treasurer: Mortensen (R.), 99,944; Lyman (F.), 84,836; Maddox (Pro.), 4,140; Stolley (Soc.), 3,650.

Auditor: Weston (R.), 93,747; De France (F.), 83,990; Dale (Pro.), 4,578; Lippencott (Soc.), 3,734; scattering, 2.

Attorney general: Prout (R.), 98,581; Broady (F.), 85,512; Clark (Pro.), 4,394; Burleigh (Soc.), 3,638; scattering, 2.

Land commissioner: Folmer (R.), 99,388; Brennan (F.), 84,183; Dilworth (Pro.), 4,304; Adams (Soc.), 3,817; scattering, 1.

Superintendent public instruction: Fowler (R.), 99,941; Smith (F.), 83,669; Howard (Pro.), 4,323; Spencer (Soc.), 3,759; scattering, 2.

Congressmen—

First district: Burkett (R.), 16,534; Hanks (F.), 11,603; Fraser (Pro.), 573; Christensen (Soc.), 362.

Second district: Mercer (R.), 11,669; Hitchcock (F.), 13,509; McCaffrey (Soc.), 1,379.

Third district: McCarthy (R.), 19,201; Robinson (F.), 18,541; Beveridge (Pro.), 632; scattering, 3.

Fourth district: Hinshaw (R.), 19,337; Stark (F.), 16,838; Farley (Pro.), 743.

Fifth district: Norris (R.), 14,927; Shallenberger (F.), 14,746; Stoddard (Pro.), 496; scattering, 2.

Sixth district: Kinkaid (R.), 16,699; Barry (F.), 13,997; Swander (Pro.), 660; Wiseley (Soc.), 463.

Judges, Fourth judicial district, to fill vacancy: Day (R.), 23,941; Read (R.), 23,502. (No opposition.)

Constitutional amendment: For, 49,147; against, 15,969.

On motion of Senator Harrison of Hall, the candidates shown elected by the tabulation prepared by the secretary of state were declared by the speaker to be elected.

Senator Harrison moved that when the joint session adjourned, it be until 2 o'clock tomorrow to receive the messages of the outgoing and incoming executives and witness the inauguration of the state officers. The motion prevailed and the joint convention then adjourned.

On reconvening, the house, on motion of Sears of Butte, adjourned for the day.

Aside from naming of house employees practically no business was transacted on Thursday. A resolution on the death of John R. Musick was adopted.

On motion of Rouse of Hall it was ordered that when the house adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

## CLAIM BABIES WERE FED.

Mrs. Tingle's Workers Deny Allegations Made in Libel Suit.

LINCOLN—Arrangements have been made for the governor's reception to be held at the capitol on the evening of January 8, commencing at 8 o'clock. All the state offices, senate chamber and representative hall will be open during the reception. Every effort will be made for the convenience of guests. The outside entrance to the capitol building will be open for entrance and exit, and members of the national guard will be stationed at all doors and hallways to give directions and instructions.

The reception proper will be held in the senate chamber, where the retiring governor will receive and introduce the people to the incoming governor, supported by the members of his staff and state officers and their ladies.

The west stairway, leading to the senate chamber, will be used exclusively for reaching the second floor, and the other stairways for the return or departure of guests. The receiving party will be stationed at the south side of the senate chamber, and guests upon entering will pass to the left and then around to the right of the chamber, passing out through the office of the lieutenant governor, thence to the rotunda, and if desirable, to the house of representatives, where a general exchange of social courtesies can be had.

## Disown Fleeing Archduke.

VIENNA—The members of the Tuscan branch of the Hapsburg family resolved Tuesday to pay Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, who accompanied his sister, the crown princess of Saxony, when she eloped, his share of the family fortune and dismiss him from the family.

Professor James Sully, who has written a 430-page book entitled, "An Essay on Laughter," says that the peculiar muscular actions which are grouped under the name of laughter are provoked by the incongruous, the unaccustomed and the unexpected juxtaposition of things. Professor Sully cites the story of a man arrested by soldiers who is allowed to join them at cards. He cheats and is kicked out, his playmates quite forgetting that he is their prosiner. With this may be coupled the story of two burglars in the dock. One of them kept on poking the other in the ribs as the evidence against them proceeded, until he was made to desist by the protest: "Who are you knocking about? I've as much right to be here as you."

Rev. John McNeill says it is a common idea that any man can preach, and states an amusing incident to dispel the illusion. An elder in a certain church on one occasion had to take the pulpit in the absence of the minister at the last moment. He got through the first part of the service all right, but on getting up to give the sermon he found his difficulty. He started with: "Brethren (pause)—b-b-brethren (pause)—b-b-brethren, if any of you wants the concert taken out of you, come up here."

## The March of Science.

Oolite, Ind., January 12th.—That Oolite is right abreast of the times in the use of the most recent discoveries in Medical Science is shown by recent cases in which those dreaded Kidney Complaints that cause so many deaths have been completely cured by the new Remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Many people in this neighborhood tell of aches relieved and pains departed because of the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. One of these is W. A. Terry, the well known Grocer. Here is his story:

"I suffered for four months with Kidney and Bladder Trouble and was so bad that I was almost confined to my bed. I could get no relief until I commenced using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I could notice an improvement the second day I took the pills. I would recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all sufferers from Kidney Complaints."

The Gospel in life will save the world where the Gospel in literature would fail.

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won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

Any fool can find faults; the wise man discovers virtues.

Sufferers From Consumption should write Derk P. Yonkerman & Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., who have a wonderful remedy for this dread disease.

Forgiveness without forgetting is like a pardon without a stay of punishment.

## INSIST ON GETTING IT.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money. Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

The Queen of the Belgians, like the late Empress of Austria, was extremely fond of horses. It was said that she could break in any colt, and she brought up her daughters to share her love of riding and driving. At Laeken she had a large riding school, and she had also a stud farm in the country, where she bred Hungarian horses.

"How much do you weigh?" a friend once asked the late Thomas B. Reed. "I weigh 200 pounds," said Mr. Reed. "Oh, you weigh more than that," was the surprised reply. "You must weigh nearly 300 pounds." "No," said the speaker, with an air of finality; "no gentleman weighs more than 200 pounds."

Clear white clothes are a sign that the housekeeper uses Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

It is probable that the oldest magistrate in active service in the United States is Thomas Poe, justice of the peace in Rushville, Ind., who is now in his 93d year. He has held the office since 1854 and for the last forty years has occupied the same room. At the last election he was chosen to serve another term of four years.

God is likely to answer our prayers for others out of our own pocket-books.

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## THE WINTER PLEASURE AND HEALTH RESORTS OF THE SOUTHWEST.

Where shall one go at this season of the year to avoid the disagreeable features of a blustery Northern climate or to gain relief from the various ills that flesh is heir to? There is only one answer to the question; namely, take one of the Missouri Pacific's palatial trains to the winter pleasure and health resorts of the Southwest, particularly those in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Old Mexico and Southern California. It is only a step from the dreary rains, snows and blizzards of the East, Northeast and Middle West to the warm and pleasant winter climates of the Southwest. For the invalid and the pleasure seeker there are many inviting prospects. For these the health-giving and rejuvenating waters of the Ozark are bubbling in the green-walled basin of Hot Springs Mountain, the most picturesque spot to be found. It is safe to say that there is no all-the-year-round health and pleasure resort in the country that can compare with Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is the only National sanitarium in the United States owned and controlled by the government. It is as a fashionable pleasure resort that Hot Springs has attracted the greatest attention during the past decade. The idea that it is only the afflicted who go there has long since been proven erroneous. It is the recognized popular winter resort of the best Northern travelers and the summer gathering place of the social clans of the sunny South. The man of small means can supply his needs and the man of wealth has opportunity to procure the luxuries he desires. For the tourist and health-seeker, who prefers the salt air and sunny shores of the Gulf, many attractions are offered at New Orleans, Galveston, Houston and points along the Texas coast, all reached by the Iron Mountain Route, where tarpon fishing, the most royal of all sports for the angler, is at its very best during the winter season.

Queer and quaint old San Antonio is another place that should be visited. It is the portal of the health belt of Texas, and is situated at the head of the valley of the exceedingly picturesque river bearing the same name, at the very edge of the foot hills of the Guadalupe mountains. 'Round about much diversity of amusement is found, and there are many points and places of historical interest to be seen, but it is in bizarre San Antonio itself that the tout ensemble of diversion is most charmingly rounded. It is a modern marvel of cities, pre-eminently cosmopolitan and thoroughly unexpected. It chronicles its Spanish birth as unmistakably as its Texan growth. From San Antonio the traveler can take the train south to Laredo, the famous border town, on the banks of the Rio Grande River, and crossing the stream, place foot in the land of the Montezumas, the Egypt of the new world. Much time can be spent with profit and pleasure in this sub-tropical climate amid scenes replete with historic interest. From Laredo, also, the trip lies across New Mexico and Arizona, to Los Angeles, San Francisco and the famous resorts of the Pacific coast. All of these places are best reached by the Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route with connecting lines that go to make up the great Gould system of railroads.

## Walks on the Water.

After several years of patient labor and experiment, a Tenby, Pembroke-shire, seaman, named William Llewellyn, has invented an apparatus by means of which he is able to walk on the sea even in the roughest weather.

Llewellyn gave a successful demonstration off the pier-head before a crowd of several thousands people. The apparatus consists of a pair of large wooden boots, connected in front with a steering gear. With these boots, which are shaped like the two parts of a catamaran, Llewellyn walked about the sea for nearly half an hour. The water was rather rough at the time, but the inventor seemed to have no difficulty in keeping his balance.

## A Modern French "Pied Piper."

At a country fair at Rosenthalles-Choux, a little village near Dunkirk, France, a rat charmer named Ray surprised the natives by shutting himself up in a barrel with a hundred rats.

Several minutes afterward when the spectators expected to see him half-devoured by the rodents, the man opened the lid of the barrel and showed himself unharmed, with the rats clustering about his breast. He said that the modulations of his voice acted as a charm upon the animals, and prevented them from devouring him.—London Mail.

An Indianapolis doctor is authority for a story of a family named Tinsley, whose members, as well as their ancestors, have never been able to laugh since a clergyman cursed a Tinsley for ill-timed merriment at the hanging of a thief in Oliver Cromwell's days.

The Paris Messenger says that the report that President Loubet has accepted an invitation to visit the United States in order to attend the Louisiana Purchase exposition is without foundation. The only trip likely to be made by M. Loubet next year is to Algeria and Tunis.

More than fifty girls are studying scientific farming in the Minneapolis College of Agriculture. The course they take includes botany, chemistry, physics and geology, requiring in the first two